

REMARKS

Claims 60-67 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 51-59 and 68-72 are canceled; and the specification is amended to be consistent with the claims. No new matter is added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 60-67 would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is overcome. Because the rejection is overcome for the reasons described below, claims 60-67 are in condition for allowance.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons described herein. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 51-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. By this Amendment, claims 51-59 and 68-72 are canceled; and the specification is amended to overcome the rejection. The amendments to the specification make the specification consistent with the claims. However, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph was without merit, because one skilled in the art would know that either of elements 64 and 84 (referenced in the Office Action) is a "body," which is a general expression, or a "sleeve," which is "an encasement into which an object or device fits." Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

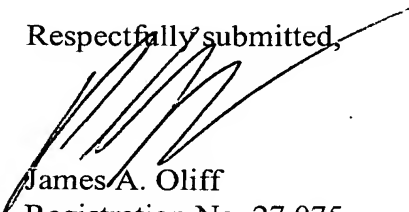
Claims 51-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite; claims 68-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson (U.S. Patent No. 5,690,776) in view of any one of Crispin (U.S. Patent No. 2,901,012), Fox (U.S. Patent No.

5,860,197); or Riley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,221,419); claims 51-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson in view of Sakamoto et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0015512), and further in view of Chou (U.S. Patent No. 5,374,806) and Wolcott (U.S. Patent No. 1,649,882); and claim 72 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson in view of either Sakamoto or Chou. The rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 51-59 and 68-72. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachments:

Exhibit A: Clean Copy of Substitute Specification

Exhibit B: Marked-Up Copy of Substitute Specification

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